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Every Polling Site on November 2nd Will Be Equipped With an AT&T Cell Phone for Improved Communications

***50 Field Supervisors Also Will Be Equipped
With 2-way Radio Communications***

(Santa Ana, CA) – As a part of the improved communication plan for Election Day, the Orange County Registrar of Voters will be distributing cell phones to every polling site for use on November 2nd. Poll workers will be able to dial into a central help desk to solve issues that may arise. If needed, a field supervisor can be dispatched to the polling site to assist poll workers as needed.

In addition to voice services, Orange County plans to utilize AT&T Wireless' Short Messaging Service (SMS) feature as a means to relay important information to some or all of their polling places.

Technical staff has created distribution lists on Registrar of Voters' computer systems that contain the SMS addresses of each one of their phones. This gives them the flexibility to communicate with all precincts at once or on a district-by-district basis depending on the situation.

“This improved method of communication is extremely important for our poll workers,” said Neal Kelley, Chief Deputy, Registrar of Voters. “We will be able to communicate with each polling site directly either via text or voice communications.”

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